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1. FOLLOWING ITS CUSTOM, THE UKRAINIAN PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA UKRAINY PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 8 A PHOTOGRAPH OF LEADERSHIP PORTRAITS ARRANGED IN A DISTINCTLY HIERARCHICAL MANNER. THE POSITION OF THE UKRAINIAN LEADER SHCHERBITSKIY WAS AS USUAL UNREALISTICALLY HIGH IN THE RANKING (SIXTH) AND REFLECTS THE UKRAINIAN PENCHANT FOR BOOSTING THEIR OWN. POLYANSKIY AND SHELEPIN FARED POORLY IN THE UKRAINE, AS IN THE PAST YEAR WHEN THEY ALSO WERE RANKED LAST. GRISHIN AND KUNAYEV BOTH RANKED HIGHER IN UKRAINE THAN WAS THE CASE IN NATIONALLY-TABULATED NOMINATIONS (REFTEL).

2. INITIATIVE OF UKRAINIAN PAPER STANDS OUT AGAINST GENERAL FAILURE OF OTHER REPUBLIC NEWSPAPERS TO DEPICT RANKED LEADERSHIP PORTRAITS WHICH, FOR INSTANCE, WERE DIMLY VISIBLE IN TV COVERAGE OF FRUNZE CELEBRATION OF NOVEMBER 3. STOESSEL

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